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Twenty Rivers Studied In Clearwater, Nez Perce NFs For Wild-Scenic Designation

By Laura Smith
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Three Wild and Scenic Suitability Studies are nearing completion on the Clearwater and Nez Perce National Forests in North-Central Idaho. The studies include three rivers of the North Fork of the Clearwater Drainage; White Sand Creek and the Upper Lochsa River; and fifteen tributaries of the Upper Selway River.

Portions of twenty rivers in north-central Idaho, totaling 367 river miles, are being considered for designation under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (WSRA) of 1968. If designated, the rivers will be protected in their free-flowing condition for their scenic, recreation, fish, wildlife, historic, prehistoric, ecologic and geologic values.

The suitability studies began in 1992, when Congress allocated America's Great Outdoors funds for river suitability studies. At that time, the two National Forests planned to complete studies on all of the 28 rivers identified in their Forest Plans as eligible under the WSRA.

Funding and priorities have changed. While the study of 20 rivers will be completed, the eight other eligible rivers on the two Forests will be studied during the revision of the Clearwater and Nez Perce National Forests plans.

*Cayuse Creek:
one of the
tributaries of the
North Fork of the
Clearwater River
under study.*
Photo by Carol Evans.



Presently all of the eligible rivers are protected by the interim management standards in the Forest Plans. The standards protect the rivers at their present eligibility classification, until the Suitability Study is completed and a final decision is made.

Wild and Scenic Rivers

Public comment on the Draft Legislative Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) shows strong support for "maximum protection" of the rivers under WSRA. Locally, however, public comments reflect a desire for "no additional federal designation", controls or restrictions.

Congress is responsible for designating a river part of the National Wild & Scenic Rivers System. The purpose of a legislative EIS is to provide Congress with all of the necessary information needed in making these decisions.

When the Forests complete the suitability analysis studies, the Region will submit the recommendations to the Forest Service's WO for the Secretary of Agriculture and then the President to review. If approved by the Secretary and the President, the proposals will be submitted to Congress. The proposed legislation is usually introduced by a Congressional representative from the state where the candidate rivers are located.

The Clearwater and Nez Perce wild and scenic suitability studies are expected to be completed in August, 1995, and the recommendations sent to Washington, D.C., this fall.

Unique Scoping

Upper Columbia Basin E.I.S. Scoping Process at 30 Locations Uses Modern Communications

by Carl Gidlund, Public Affairs Officer,
Upper Columbia Basin E.I.S. Team,
Boise, Idaho

THE PROBLEM: Conduct "scoping" sessions in nearly 30 cities across 73,000 square miles in the northern U.S. plus Washington, D.C. in mid-winter and within a two-week time period.

THE SOLUTION: Harness modern and traditional communications technologies for the job. Then, do the scoping in a single day.

Steve Mealey is manager of the Upper Columbia River Basin Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Project, a joint effort by the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management, (BLM), headquartered in Boise.

It's to result in a science-based management system for 45.5 million acres administered by the two agencies in Idaho, western Montana, northwest Wyoming and northern portions of Utah and Nevada. The draft EIS will be available this fall for public review and comment.

Mealey directed his three-person public affairs staff to design a new scoping format using television to span the nation. It would eventually include computers, pre-produced and live TV segments, facsimile machines, newspaper advertisements, public service announcements, a brochure, a booklet, correspondence and toll-free telephones.

The UCRB team sent brochures describing the conference to prospective attendees, listing the cities where the meetings were scheduled and asking potential participants to register by calling a toll-free number.

The operators forwarded registrants' names and addresses to Boise, then public affairs personnel mailed EIS documents to them.

Saturday morning, January 28, 1995, the program was broadcast from Boise State University (BSU) TV studios in Boise, downlinked to three cooperating cable companies and an additional 27 sites in auditoriums, hotel meeting rooms, court houses, schools and other facilities. More than 1,000 people gathered at the sites with Forest Service and BLM representatives. An untold number watched in their homes.

They saw a 45-minute program that explained the nature of the project and exposed

for review its Purpose and Need Statement and Proposed Action.

Then the program left the air for 90 minutes while 100 local facilitators at the sites worked with the participants in small groups then forwarded comments and questions to Boise.

When the program returned to the air, BSU political science Professor John Freemuth and moderator Jon Duane joined Mealey in discussing the comments and answering questions. They also fielded telephone questions from a half-dozen sites.

Hosts collected more than 5,000 questions and comments at the sites and forwarded them to the UCRB team. Another 4,100 comments came in before the comment period ended six weeks later, and all 9,100 were analyzed and incorporated into EIS goal and issue statements.

UCRB Scoping
Participants at the
Missoula Federal
Building.
Photo by Jud Moore.



Rise to the FUTURE



Flathead NF & Wallace RD Recognized for Management, Protection of Aquatic Resources

Chief Jack Ward Thomas has announced "Rise to the Future" awards to the Flathead NF and the Wallace RD, Idaho Panhandle NFs, "for their contributions to the protection, restoration, use and enjoyment of aquatic resources" in 1994.

Representatives of the Wallace RD and the Flathead NF accepted the awards in special ceremonies, August 15, at the meeting of the American Sportfishing Association in Alexandria, Virginia.

The Flathead NF was recognized for commitment to the national "Rise To The Future" program by planning and implementing "a strong, integrated fish program on the Forest." Wallace RD received the award for an "aggressive approach to watershed restoration and fish habitat improvement."

The Flathead NF award named Forest Supervisor Joel Hiltrop; Don Hair, fisheries biologist; Pat VanEimeren, fisheries biologist; and Beth Gardner, fisheries biologist.

Wallace RD's "Special Project Award" named District Ranger Steve Williams; Ed Lider, fisheries biologist; and Rob Harper, hydrologist.

A Real Home Run

Community Forestry Grant Helps Little League Plant Trees in Park

by Dan Castillo,
Forest & Rangeland Management,
Northern Region Headquarters

Community, Forest Service and Little League volunteers planted 42 hardwood trees in Missoula's Playfair Park this spring.
Photos by Steven Adams, THE MISSOULIAN



As h, maple and linden trees, planted this spring in Missoula's Playfair Park, will add new beauty for the enjoyment of joggers, swimmers, dog walkers, bike riders, football teams, soccer players, park strollers, picnickers and baseball/softball players.

The forty-two new deciduous trees will enrich the park landscape for years to come and they will create a unique, new appreciation and understanding of the role trees play in our enjoyment of outdoor recreation, as well as in our day-to-day living.

The Mount Sentinel Little League applied earlier this year for a Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry grant. The annual grants are administered through Forest & Rangeland Management in the RO.

Glenn A. Roloff, cooperative forest specialist, Forest & Rangeland Management, explained that the objectives of the grants are to foster partnerships in development and enhancement of community projects, to encourage Forest Service employees' involvement as volunteers in their communities, and to foster better understanding of the many benefits trees bring to our environment.

Mount Sentinel Little League received a grant to plant the trees in Playfair Park, behind the Missoula YMCA and south of the County fairgrounds and Sentinel High School.

In addition to the many little league ball diamonds, the park has a public swimming pool (Spartan Pool), tennis courts, soccer fields, Little Grizzly football fields, walking/running paths and picnic areas.

The trees were planted by Little League parents, Forest Service volunteers, and other community volunteers, with assistance from the Missoula Parks & Recreation Dept. The red, silvers, armstrong and Norway maples and lindens and mountain ash trees will accent the changing seasons with bare branches in the winter, budding in the spring, rich green foliage in the summers and a climax of colors each fall.

Grant-assisted project funds are awarded on a competitive basis. In 1994, \$30,000 was available in the Northern Region. Twenty grant applications were received; fourteen were funded.

The Little League tree planting project partnership involved the City of Missoula, Mount Sentinel Little League and the Missoula RD, Lolo NF. Donations, volunteer work and equipment contributions were provided by Mount Sentinel Little League, Montana Power Co. and Marchie's Nursery.

Kootenai NF, Fortine RD employees and local cooperators will host "Ant Flat Days" September 29-30 at Fortine, Montana, to commemorate the history, heritage and legacy of the Forest Service in the Tobacco Valley.

The Ant Flat Ranger District was established in the Tobacco Valley in 1906.

In the 90 years that followed, the Forest Service has played a vital part in the community and the scenic valley.

Many employees and their families have come and gone since those pioneering days. Some of you are still around and have great tales to tell and photos and artifacts to share. The planning committee would like to include your memories, pictures and historical artifacts in the "Ant Flat Days" exhibits and the scheduled of events. If you are interested in contributing and/or participating in the planning and preparation, call Rob Carlin or Dellora Gauger (406/882-4451) before Sept. 20 at the Murphy Lake Ranger Station in Fortine, Montana.

"Ant Flat Days". September 29 - 30 Fortine RD, Kootenai NF



Entertainment & Education

650 Sixth Graders Enjoy "Water Festival"

by Jeff Lukas, Summer
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National Forest

Unlike the salmon they were role-playing, all 650 sixth graders who attended the first Missoula Water Festival in downtown Caras Park in June managed to survive their encounters with "dams", "anglers", and "bears".

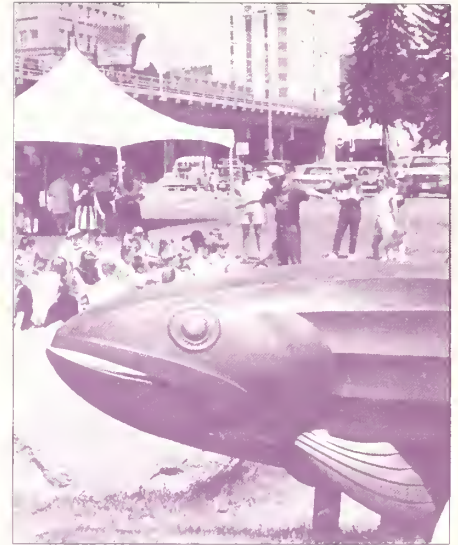
The two-day festival, presented by the Tri-State Implementation Council and the Montana Natural History Center, and "spawnsored" by the Forest Service, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks, and others, is designed to be an annual, community-based watershed awareness involving both education and celebration.

The first day was oriented more towards education, as the festival was open only to local students. Morning and afternoon sessions began with a presentation of music and dance by fellow students, followed by workshops featuring games and discussions about fish biology and watershed ecology.



Several Lolo National Forest employees served as presenters in these workshops. Other Forest Service employees helped guide students between events.

The big park tent housed a variety of exhibits. Each student carried a passport, to be stamped at these exhibits after answering questions relating to watersheds. Once the passports were completed, students explored an unusual trio: a giant maze illustrating the salmon life cycle; a cardboard mockup of the Clark Fork River; and



an enormous, inflatable walk-in fish.

On the second day, the festival was open to the general public, without the workshops but featuring more performers. In spite of the afternoon rain, the events were well-attended.

Festival organizers look forward to another successful Water Festival next summer.

Above right: A trout sculpture in Caras Park watches sixth-graders enjoying the Fish Workshop presented by Lolo National Forest and Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks employees.
Photo by Ron Myers

Above left: A sixth-grader adds his touch to the Clark Fork River.
Photo by Ron Myers.

Left: Lolo National Forest Fisheries Biologist Brian Riggers explains ethical angling responsibilities to sixth-graders at the fish workshop at the water festival.

Photo by Jud Moore



Prescribed Natural Fire Program Continues in '95

R-1's prescribed natural fire (PNF) program continues through the 1995 fire season.

Rich Lasko of Air, Fire & Aviation, said "The PNF program is being continued in six of the region's wildernesses to permit fire to play its natural role — as much as possible — in shaping the wilderness character of these wildland areas."

Where prescribed natural fire does not meet management objectives, the traditional tools of immediate control or the use of natural barriers to check fire spread will be used.

The six R-1 wildernesses (4,583,147 acres) which have prescribed natural fire programs:

- * Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness.
- * Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness.
- * Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex

(includes Bob Marshall, Scapegoat and Great Bear Wildernesses)

* Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness

* Gospel Hump Wilderness

* Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness

In the future, as fire plans are revised and updated, the prescribed natural fire program will be extended to other R-1 wildernesses and possible non-wilderness areas.

Kings Hill Scenic Byway Is 71-Mile Route Through Historic Central Montana

by Craig G. Cowie, Kings Hill RD,
Lewis & Clark NF,
White Sulphur Springs, Montana



Kings Hill Scenic Byway, along Sheep Creek.
Photo by Craig G. Cowie

U.S. Highway 89, Montana Centennial Highway, between White Sulphur Springs and Belt, Montana, is a major highway route linking Yellowstone and Glacier National Park. The key location of this highway provides the Forest Service a significant opportunity to acquaint visitors with the Lewis & Clark National Forest.

A 71-mile stretch of U.S. 89 was designated the Kings Hill Scenic Byway on May 14, 1991.

The southern terminus is three miles east of White Sulphur Springs at the junction of U.S. Highway 12 and 89. The northern terminus is the junction of U.S. Highway 89 and 87, near Belt, Montana.

In 1866, James Scott Brewer decided to follow the tradition of Native Americans living in the region and visited the healing waters now known as White Sulphur Springs. Brewer established a resort at the mineral springs. Later it grew into the hamlet of White Sulphur Springs, a bustling western town for miners, loggers, ranchers and homesteaders.

Northeast of White Sulphur Springs, the town of Neihart blossomed around lead and silver mines with names like Fairplay, Frisco and Minnehaha. Neihart was served by the Great Northern Railroad. The thriving town became the home of several thousand people.

At that time, the Kings Hill Road was no more than a miner's trail from Sheep Creek,

near White Sulphur Springs, to the town of Neihart.

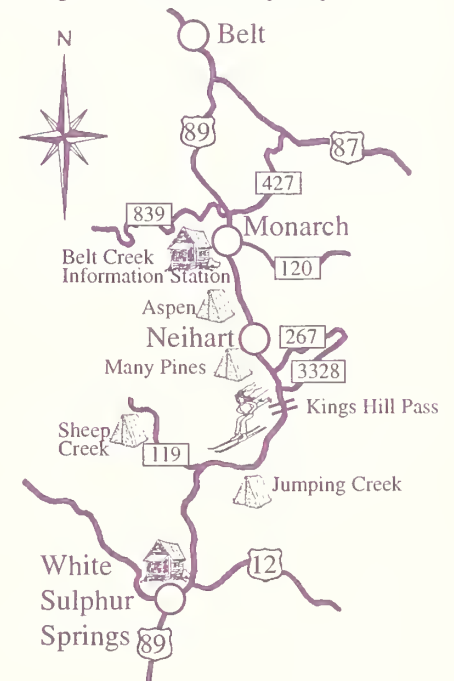
White Sulphur Springs businessmen raised \$1,000 in 1882 to build a wagon trail up over the Little Belt Mountains from Neihart into the Smith River Valley. By the early 1900s, the route was promoted as a logical link between Yellowstone and Glacier National Park and on to Baniff in Canada. Montana Congressman Scott Leavitt secured funds to build a modern highway and the Kings Hill Road was completed August 21, 1921.

Scenery along the byway ranges from dense forests, limestone canyons and rushing streams to grassy parks along the mountain ranges east of the Rocky Mountain Front. Historical and cultural sights abound: the remains of old mining activity, landscapes painted by the famous western artist Charles Russell, a Civilian Conservation Corps camp of the 1930s and historic ranches.

Outdoor recreation opportunities along the scenic byway include cross-country skiing, a downhill skiing resort, excellent big-game hunting, hiking, sightseeing and trout fishing. The Kings Hill Winter Recreation Area offers a wide range of snowmobiling opportunities.

There are many educational opportunities to interpret geology and forest management as well as off-highway attractions along Forest Service and county roads.

Kings Hill Scenic Byway



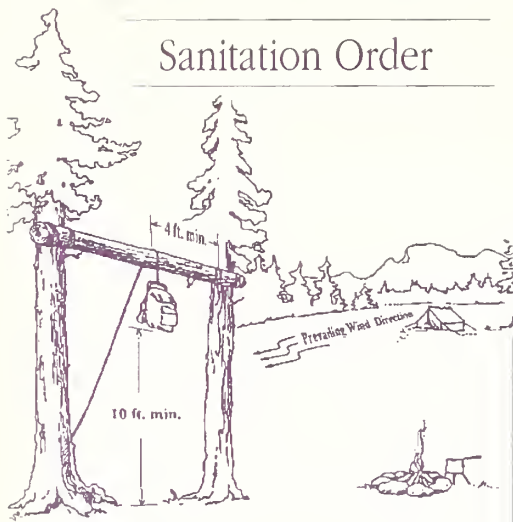
For additional details about the Kings Hill Scenic Byway, contact:

Craig G. Cowie
Kings Hill Ranger Station
204 W. Folsom
Box A

White Sulphur Springs, MT 59845
(406) 547-3361

or get a copy of the "Scenic Byways II" book,
published by Falcon Press, Helena, Montana

Sanitation Order



Food Storage Regulation Designed to Minimize Human/Grizzly Conflicts

New camping regulations are in effect, as of July 1, in the Helena, Flathead, Lewis & Clark and Lolo National Forests portions of the Northern Continental Divide Grizzly Bear Ecosystem (NCDGBE).

"These new regulations are designed to minimize human/grizzly bear conflicts in the Northern Continental Divide Bear Ecosystem," explained James J. Claar, RO Div. of Wildlife & Fisheries.

Bear-country camping rules under the special order are the product of work with State and Federal agencies and departments and outfitters, campers, backpackers, horse users and others who use the wilderness and non-wilderness areas in the Grizzly Bear Ecosystem.

Claar pointed out that the educational approaches in the effort to minimize human/grizzly conflicts include:

- making bear-resistant containers available on loan from Forest Service.
- monitoring camps for compliance, cleanliness, attractant storage, etc.
- cooperation with Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks.
- work with other partners: Back Country Horsemen, Montana Wilderness Association, etc.

Missoula Runs Wild For Fire

Missoula County Fire Protection Association Stages Second Biennial Fun Day

by Connie Riba-Fox,
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Missoula, Montana

"Don't Let Fire Run Wild" was the theme of the second biennial fire prevention fun day, April 29, at Fort Missoula.

This event is sponsored by the Missoula County Fire Protection Association (MCFPA) of which the Lolo NF is a member. The Fun Day is a way to get people thinking about fire prevention.

Despite snow and cold winds, everyone had a good time. Smokey and Sparky were there, along with puppet shows with fire prevention messages. Children and adults enjoyed balloons, fire displays, a Lifeflight helicopter, an ambulance, fire engines from the various agencies in MCFPA, and free drawings for prizes donated by local businesses.

Timed events included a one-mile youth run, 5-K and 10-K runs, and a 5-K racewalk. Children could also participate in free short-distance fun runs.



Short-Distance Runners, four years old and younger.

All runners in the one-mile, 5-K and 10-K events received sweatshirts in their race packets and a Smokey water bottle when they finished the race. The top three finishers in each category in each race received a medal. A special prize was awarded the overall winners in each race.

Fire prevention promotional materials (frisbees, water bottles and coloring books) were awarded to the top three finishers in each age division in the fun runs for children. All children who participated in either of the youth runs received participation ribbons.



Start of one-mile Youth Run.

Photos by Montana Department of State Lands.

Northern Region News Guidelines

- Articles should focus on Forest Service-related subjects or activities, or people engaged in agency-related activities.
- Send article(s) to NORTHERN REGION NEWS as soon as possible after event. Too often interesting articles run the risk of not being printed because they are not timely.
- No poetry, jokes or cartoons.
- Do not use technical language. You can tell the readers about a technical subject by using non-technical language. Avoid jargon not understood by people outside the technical topic.
- Submit articles on DG (or typewriter). Double space. Indent between paragraphs.
- Keep under 150 to 300 words (about 3/4 of DG page); no more than one page - can be shorter.
- For brief coverage of an event, consider sending in photo(s) and tell story in photo cutlines.
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- Deadline is second Friday of month, preceding issue. Call (406/329 3093) about deadlines, items planned for future issues, etc.
- If you have articles/pictures/illustrations or questions, telephone Jud Moore, RO Public Affairs Office (406) 329-3093. DG mailing address: j.moore:R01A. Postal Service mailing address: Box 7669, Missoula, Montana 59807.

Wildland Interface Training Near Gardiner, Montana Gallatin National Forest

by Elizabeth Kirkpatrick,
Public Affairs Specialist,
Yellowstone National Park

Practical Exercise

Despite cold blustery winds and grey, cloudy skies spitting snow, approximately 40 wildland and structural firefighters braved the elements on Saturday, May 13 to participate in Wildland Interface Basic Training, the first training session organized and sponsored by the South Central Hub of the Northern Rockies Coordinating Group.

Firefighters and instructors from fire departments in Gallatin County, Sweetgrass County, Meagher County, Park County Rural #1, Clyde Park, Wilsall, Paradise Valley, Royal Teton Ranch, and Gardiner, as well as the Gallatin National Forest, Yellowstone National Park, and Montana Department of State Lands gathered for the day-long training north of Gardiner, Montana, near highway 89, in the Gallatin NF.

An interagency overhead team, with Incident Commander Bob Fry, Montana Department of State Lands, at the helm, spent weeks planning the session.

Burn bosses Dick Rath and Larry Sears, Gallatin NF, led the group in the first exercise of the day: the burning of three small outbuildings. With hundreds of feet of hose snaking up and down hillsides and gallons of foam coating the ground, the first structure was ignited. For the next two hours students practiced holding and controlling the blazes. Local sheriffs and the Montana Department of Transportation provided traffic control when smoke from the burning buildings billowed over Highway 89.

While the last remnants of the buildings smoldered, students gathered nearby to warm themselves and listen to the briefing for the afternoon training exercises.

Logistics Chief Bryan Connelly, Park County Rural #1 Fire Department, divided the firefighters into four groups to rotate through stations covering:

- * HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, instructed by Rory Perkins, Gardiner Fire Department.
- * USE OF FOAM & FOAM EQUIPMENT, with Bob Kopland, Gardiner Fire Department, and Bryan Connelly.



Students practice holding & controlling a blaze in a training exercise at the Wildland Interface Basin Training near Gardiner, Montana. Photos by Yellowstone National Park and Gallatin National Forest.



Firefighters observe training demonstration.

* FIRE SHELTER DEPLOYMENT, taught by Larry Sears and Dick Rath.

* SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA) SMOKEHOUSE, set up by Milt Villegas, Yellowstone National Park.

The response from participants was overwhelming, endorsing the practical experience and training. One sentiment expressed repeatedly was that hands-on training is essential to reinforce classroom instructions and information.

The South Central Hub plans similar training sessions on an annual or semi-annual basis.



Hazardous materials instruction.

Spring Firefighter Training Attendance Doubles From Last Year

by Connie Riha-Fox,
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Missoula, Montana

The Missoula RD, Lolo NF, and the Missoula Unit of the Montana Department of State Lands sponsor basic firefighter training each spring for prospective crews and emergency firefighters. Classes taught are: S-130, Firefighter Training; S-190, Introduction to Fire Behavior; and Standards for Survival. The training is advertised in six high schools, but anyone is welcome to attend the free classes. The only requirements are that students be at least 18 years old by the summer and be willing to commit 12 evenings and one full day to the training. The training is conducted

over a six-week period from the middle of March to the first week of May, two evenings a week for three hours, plus a day in the field in June. Students who complete the course receive red cards and are qualified to fight fires. Attendance this year doubled attendance from previous years. One-hundred-twenty signed up for the class this year; 100

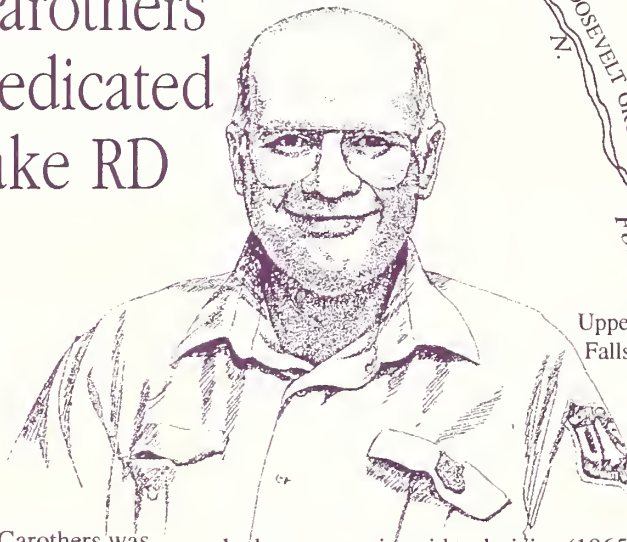
showed up the first night; and 75 completed the training. One-third of the students have fire-related jobs. Many others are on "call-when-needed" crews for the Forest Service and contract crews. Those who have not been offered jobs are available for emergency fire crews.



Firefighter trainees practicing fire shelter deployment near a fireline they constructed during the field day. Photo by Connie Riha-Fox, Missoula RD, Lolo N.

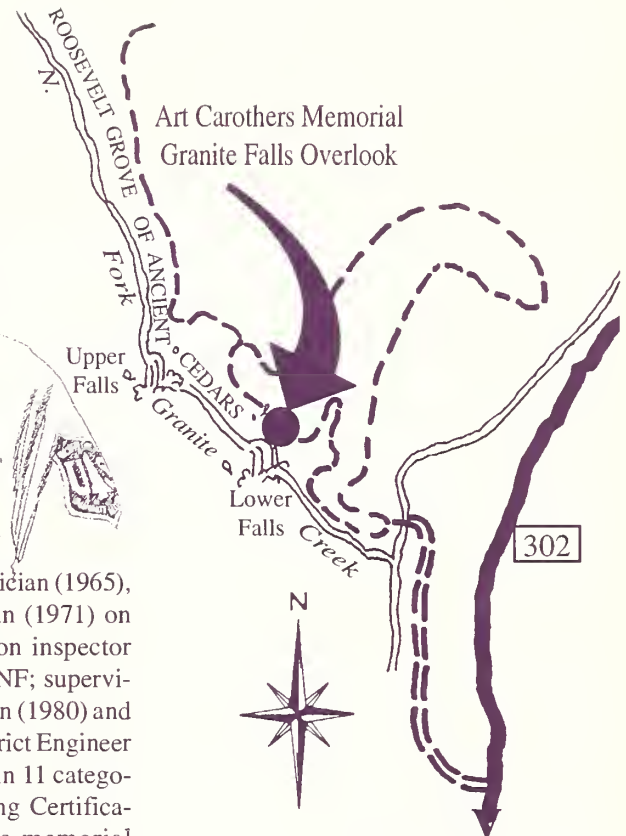
Arthur W. Carothers Memorial Dedicated On Priest Lake RD

by Roger Bonneau
Priest Lake (Idaho) RD,
Idaho Panhandle NFs.



A memorial to Arthur W. Carothers was dedicated June 23 at the Granite Falls Overlook on the North Fork of Granite Creek in the Roosevelt Grove of Ancient Cedars Scenic Area, 14 miles north of Nordman, Idaho, on the Priest Lake RD, Idaho Panhandle NFs. He was born and raised on his parents' farm and resort on the edge of Mirror Lake, near Sagle, Idaho. He was engineering team leader and District Engineer on the Priest Lake RD. He worked 34 years with the Forest Service, from 1959 until his death in 1993. Carothers, 52,

worked as a surveying aid technician (1965), highway engineering technician (1971) on the Sandpoint RD; construction inspector (1973) Colville (Washington) NF; supervisory civil engineering technician (1980) and Team Leader Engineer and District Engineer (1989-1993). He was certified in 11 categories in the National Engineering Certification program. The Carothers memorial plaque is on trail No. 301, north and east of the North Fork of Granite Creek. It is midway between Upper and Lower Granite Falls.



To Nordman 14 mi.



*Trapper Creek Job Corps Center Director
Jeannette Price*
Photo by Cass Cairns.

Jeannette Price Named Director Trapper Creek Center

*by Cass Cairns,
Information Assistant,
Bitterroot National Forest,
Hamilton, Montana*

Jeannette Price, deputy director of the Trapper Creek Job Corps Center, Darby, Montana, has been selected as the new Center Director.

A veteran of 33 years with the Forest Service, Price worked in Washington, Alaska, Oregon and Idaho before she was promoted to deputy director at Trapper Creek in 1991.

Since her arrival at Trapper Creek, she has been involved in the growth and development of many new programs at the center.

When asked what she would like to accomplish in her tenure as director, Price, said, "Maintain our safe and secure environment; continue to improve the center operations, doing whatever is needed to assure that Trapper Creek students receive the training and education they need to be employable after graduation; provide a good working atmosphere for the staff; and work at building stronger ties with Ravalli County communities."

Her daughter, son-in-law and five grandchildren live in Arizona. Price's mother lives with her in Hamilton.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

NAME: Dave Scott, Lincoln RD, Helena NF.

JOB: Fire Management Officer

JOB INVOLVES: Management of fire suppression, prescribed fires and facilities program management (administrative sites, residences, vehicle fleet) for the Lincoln RD.

PREVIOUS LIFE: Born in St. Louis, Missouri in 1947. Moved to Montana in 1971. I started with the Forest Service in 1973 as a seasonal firefighter in Troy, Montana, Kootenai NF. Worked on the Yaak RD (1978-1984) as brush disposal crew foreman and suppression specialist. Moved to Winema NF, Chemult, Oregon (1984-1988) as fuels specialist and assistant fire management officer. Since 1988, I have been Fire Management Officer on the Lincoln RD, Helena NF.

FAMILY LIFE: Wife, Glenda, lives in Great Falls. She is silviculturist for the Lewis & Clark National Forest. Daughter Shana, 16, sons Calvin, 10, and Samuel, 5.

FAVORITE PLACE IN THE WORLD: Lots of them, but probably top two would be the top of a mountain, and the Oregon Coast.

HOW I SPEND MY TIME AWAY FROM WORK: Hiking, fishing, taking pictures, playing guitar, but mostly enjoying time with the kids. Am also a member of the Lincoln Volunteer Fire Department.

DREAM VACATION WOULD BE: To take the family back to St. Louis, visit the places I knew in my growing-up years. Most of all, I would like to take the kids to see the St. Louis Cardinals play.

FANTASY JOB: Guitar player in a band. Not necessarily to be rich and famous, but good enough to be comfortable in life.

MY GREATEST ADVENTURE: As a kid, I had a box seat at the 1964 World Series when the St. Louis Cardinals played the New York Yankees in St. Louis, winning the series in the seventh game. That year marked the first time the Cardinals had played in a World Series in 20 years. I watched Micky Mantle and



Dave Scott, Fire Management Officer, Lincoln RD, Helena NF, gets a guitar lesson from his six-year-old son, Calvin Robert Scott.

Roger Maris hit home runs and saw Whitey Ford pitch. Of course, Bob Gibson was on the mound for the Cardinals. I could still give you the whole Cardinal lineup!

ACHIEVEMENTS I'M MOST PROUD OF: This one is real easy. The three kids. I'm also proud of being a Forest Service employee. When I leave the organization, several years from now, I will look back on my occupation and work with the Forest Service as being most worthwhile. Also, I think the greatest reward in working for the Forest Service is the folks that we work with and the friends we make along the way.



Rand Herzberg

Rand Herzberg District Ranger Beartooth RD, Custer NF

Custer NF Supervisor Nancy T. Curriden, Billings, Montana, announced in July that Rand R. Herzberg has been named ranger for the Beartooth RD, Red Lodge, Montana.

Herzberg has been district ranger for the Clarks Fork RD, Shoshone NF, Powell, Wyoming, for the past seven and one-half years. In 1992, he was named the Outstanding District Ranger for the Rocky Mountain Region.

Prior to coming to the Shoshone NF, he served as a staff assistant on the Aspen RD in Colorado where he had responsibilities in minerals management, wilderness, trails and the winter sports program. He also worked on the Smokey Bear RD, Lincoln NF in New Mexico.

Before moving to New Mexico, Herzberg served six years as a smokejumper in Missoula. In the off seasons, he worked at the Missoula Aerial Fire Depot on fire management projects at the Missoula Technology and Development Center. He served as trail crew foreman at Elk City, Idaho, on the Nez Perce NF.

He graduated from the University of Montana in 1972 with a degree in forest management. Mr. & Mrs. (Jane) Herzberg have one daughter who attends Northwest College in Powell, Wyoming.

Supervisors, Acting Supervisors, Society of American Foresters Award On Beaverhead, Deerlodge NFs



Deerlodge NF Supervisor Van Elsbernd beads out. Van talks with Gerry Alcock (left), Beaverhead NF staff planning officer, and Dan Dallas (right), acting District Ranger, Philipsburg RD, Deerlodge NF.

Photos by Jack de Golia.

Transition: Alan Christensen, (standing) talks with Deerlodge NF employees about his role as Acting Forest Supervisor, Deerlodge NF. Van Elsbernd, the outgoing Forest Supervisor (right) and Ed Casey, NEPA Coordinator for the Philipsburg and Deer Lodge districts, (left) are among those listening.



SAF Award: Brian Quinn (left) silviculturist, Wise River RD, Beaverhead NF, presents an award from the Society of American Foresters to Dillon District Ranger Barry Hicks for service to the profession.

More Transition: Dick Owenby (left) Timber, Recreation, Fire Staff Officer, Beaverhead NF, introduces the Beaverhead NF's new Forest Supervisor, Debbie Austin, to an all-employee meeting in Dillon.



Glad! Dick Owenby shows the commendation he received for serving nine months as Acting Supervisor for the Beaverhead NF.



Team in Transition: Staff and rangers for the Deerlodge and Beaverhead forests met at the Birch Creek Outdoor Education Center for a transition meeting with the new Forest Supervisor, Debbie Austin and Acting Forest Supervisor, Ian Christensen. Ginny Tribe facilitated the two-day meeting. Photo by Ginny Tribe



From left, first row: Dick Ownby, Timber, Fire, & Recreation Staff Officer; Jack de Golia, Public Affairs Officer; Gerry Alcock, Planning Staff Officer; Rex Blackwell, Engineering Staff Officer; Dennis Havig, Wisdom District Ranger; Peri Suenram, Human Resources Action Team representative; Barry Hicks, Dillon District Ranger; Bob Gilman, Deer Lodge District Ranger; Ed Levert, Wise River District Ranger.

From left, second row: Debbie Austin, Supervisor Beaverhead NF; Tom Heintz, Range, Wildlife, Hydrology, & Soils Staff Officer; Grant Goldbolt, Jefferson District Ranger; Mark Petroni, Madison District Ranger; Margie Ewing, Butte District Ranger; George Bain, Philipsburg District Ranger; Joe Sologub, Law Enforcement Officer; Diane Grubic, Personnel Specialist; Bonner Armstrong, Zone Timber Officer; Alan Christensen, Acting Supervisor, Deerlodge NF.

Personnel Actions

BEAVERHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

BOWEY, CHARLES, wildlife biologist, Madison RD, special service & spot award
 KLEIN, MARIANNE, range conservationist, Madison RD, spot award
 NESBITT, DENNIS, forestry technician, Rigdon RD, Willamette NF, promotion to helicopter manager, SO
 ROHRER, TAIGA, Madison RD, spot award
 SALO, DAVID, hydrologist, SO, special service award
 TOMPKINS, TERRY, Madison RD, spot award
 WISEMAN, RONALD, wildlife biologist, Madison RD, spot award

BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

CAIRNS, CASS, information receptionist, SO, promotion
 CASE, BILL, center director, Anaconda JCC, cash award
 JOHNS, MICHAEL, supervisory social services assistant, Anaconda JCC, cash award
 JOHNS, WILLIAM, supervisory social services assistant, Anaconda JCC, cash award
 JOHNSTON, JAMES, recreation specialist, Anaconda JCC, cash award
 PIETARINEN, LINDA, botonist, SO, spot award
 PRICE, DEB, procurement technician, SO, cash award
 ROSE, NEIL, social services assistant, Trapper Creek JCC, temporary promotion to center standards officer
 SHOOK, LYSLE, gardener training leader, Trapper Creek JCC, promotion
 SMITH, MARJORIE, social services assistant, Anaconda JCC, promotion
 WYANT, KRISTINA, teacher, Anaconda JCC, promotion

REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS

HEALD, SUE, ecosystem management coordinator, R-4, Targhee NF, reassignment, ecologist assistant planner, SO
 LEITH, JEAN, administrative officer, Clearwater NF, Powell RD, reassignment, Anaconda JCC
 MILLER, CHARLIE, assistant fire management officer, Clearwater NF, Kamiah RD, reassignment, Darby RD

NEW EMPLOYEES

EVERS, BONNIE, clerk typist, Darby RD
 STALEY, MARY JO, voucher examiner, SO

RESIGNATIONS

DRINVILLE, PRISCILLA, social services assistant, Trapper Creek JCC

RETIREMENTS

ANDERSON, DAYLE, teacher, Trapper Creek JCC
 JOHNSON, FRED, guidance counselor, Trapper Creek JCC

CUSTER NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

AUGHTMAN, MARK, surveying technician, East Zone Engineering, promotion, land surveyor
 BASHOR, CHERYL, range conservationist, SO, temporary promotion, interdisciplinary resource program staff officer, SO
 COATS, GARY, civil engineering technician, SO, cash award
 DUTTENHEFER, CAREY, engineering aid, East Zone Engineering, cash award
 FINCK, JOSHUA, survey aid, East Zone Engineering, cash award
 HANSEN, KURT, rangeland management specialist, Sheyenne RD, cash award
 HECKER, RONALD, rangeland management specialist, Ashland RD, temporary promotion, supervisory biological scientist
 HUEBNER, JASON, survey aid, East Zone Engineering, cash award
 LAPOINT, HALCYON, archeologist, SO, cash award
 MURFITT, VICKY, forestry technician, SO, cash award
 PFAFF, SUSAN, range technician, Sheyenne RD, cash award
 PHILLIPS, KENNETH, civil engineering technician, SO, cash award
 RUFVOLD, COLLEEN, support services supervisor, Sheyenne RD, cash award
 SASSE, DONALD, wildlife biologist, SO, cash award
 SCHUMACHER, STEVE, range technician, Sheyenne RD, cash award
 SCHUMANN, LEAH, engineering aid, East Zone Engineering, cash award
 WALSH, RUSSEL, surveying technician, East Zone Engineering, promotion, civil engineering technician
 WALTON, ARLIS, information assistant, North Dakota coordinator, cash award

NEW EMPLOYEES

CREGGER, LARRY, office automation clerk, Medora RD
 FEVOLD, JUSTIN, stay-in-school, clerk, McKenzie RD
 WASSENMILLER, CAROL, senior community service employment program, SO

REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS

HERZBERG, RANDALL, district ranger, Shoshone NF, transfer, Beartooth RD
 KEMPENICH, BRIAN, rangeland management specialist, McKenzie RD
 MOCK, WILLIAM, forester, Route NF, transfer, SO
 WILLIAMS, STEVE, district ranger, Idaho Panhandle NF, reassignment, interdisciplinary North Dakota coordinator

FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

GRONLEY, JAMIE, civil engineer technician, SO, temporary promotion, SO
REASSIGNMENTS/TRANSFERS
 MARTIN, PAM, planning assistant, SO, job swap with
 EVANS, BETSY, forestry technician, Kootenai NF

GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

ALLEN, WALT, archeologist, SO, cash award
 GAY, JEAN, forestry technician, Bozeman RD, promotion
 ROE, JOAN, personnel clerk, SO, time off award
 STEIN, COLLEEN, computer assistant, SO, time off award

HELENA NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

WALKER-MARTIN, DOROTHY, senior community service employment program, SO, spot award
 WALKS, ROBERTA, personnel assistant, SO, spot award

IDAHO PANHANDLE NATIONAL FORESTS

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

BOYD, GARY, forestry technician, RO, temporary promotion
 BRISTOL, SUSAN, computer assistant, Sandpoint RD, temporary promotion
 DALY, MICHAEL, civil engineering technician, Fernan RD, promotion
 ENCINAS, JOSEPH, information resource manager, St. Maries RD, promotion
 HARPER, ROBERT, hydrologist, Wallace RD, promotion
 HOUGHTON, JANE, landscape architect, SO, temporary promotion
 JEHEBER-MATTHEWS, SUSAN, district ranger, Fernan RD, temporary promotion
 JOHNSON, CLYDE, supervisory forestry technician, St. Maries RD, temporary promotion
 JOHNSON, COLLEEN, accounting technician, SO, promotion
 LIONBERGER, SHERRI, supervisory forester, Fernan RD, temporary promotion
 ZACK, ART, ecologist, SO, promotion

NEW EMPLOYEES

ANDERSON, STEVEN, lead forestry technician, St. Maries RD
 KOCH, ANGELIC, lead forestry technician, Sandpoint RD
 RAFFO, KEVIN, lead forestry technician, Priest Lake RD
 REASOR, JAMES, lead forestry technician, Sandpoint RD

RESIGNATIONS

HAMILTON, FRANK, forestry technician, SO

KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST

AWARDS & PROMOTIONS

ADAMS, PAMELA, computer assistant, Libby RD, promotion
 ALTMAN, GARY, wildlife biologist, Libby RD, promotion, supervisory wildlife biologist
 BAIN, JANE, personnel management specialist, temporary promotion, personnel officer, SO
 BERRY, JERALD, supervisory wildlife biologist, Three Rivers RD, special act award
 CALHOUN, CAROL, transportation assistant, promotion, equipment specialist, SO
 CANFIELD, JEFF, forester, Rexford RD, promotion, R-4, Payette NF
 CARLIN, ROBERT, supervisory forester, Fortine RD, quality step increase
 CHARNON, TIMOTHY, forester, R-6, Fremont NF, promotion, Libby RD
 CORYELL, LARRY, supervisory forester, Three Rivers RD, special act award
 DAVIS, KONI, business management clerk, Three Rivers RD, special act award
 DEAVOURS, DAVID, wildlife biologist, Three Rivers RD, promotion, R-8, Chattahoochee NF
 DESY, THOMAS, forester, Three Rivers RD, special act award
 FANSLER, MARY, accounting technician, SO, promotion
 FERGUSON, LESLIE, botonist, Three Rivers RD, two special act awards
 GAUGER, DELLORA, public information assistant, Fortine RD, quality step increase
 GAUGER, STEPHEN, supervisory forestry technician, Fortine RD, performance award
 GHORMLEY, LORRI, personnel management specialist, SO, promotion to personnel officer
 HEINZ, GUENTER, wildlife biologist, Fortine RD, quality step increase
 JACKMAN, JANET, archaeology technician, Three Rivers RD, special act award
 JOHNSON, WAYNE, wildlife biologist, Cabinet RD, to SO, temporary promotion
 JUSTUS, DOROTHY, resource clerk, SO, promotion to resource assistant
 KNAUTH, KEVIN, forestry technician, Three Rivers RD, special act award
 LEAVELL, DANIEL, botonist, SO, promotion to ecologist
 LUNDBERG, ERNIE, forestry technician, Libby RD, promotion, forester, Helena NF
 MASON, MARK, forestry technician, Three Rivers RD, special act award
 MASON, SANDRA, support services supervisor, Fortine RD, quality step increase
 MCCREA, ROBERT, forestry technician, Three Rivers RD, special act award
 MEYER, LINDA, resource clerk, Three Rivers RD, special act award
 NAYALE, MARK, forester, Three Rivers RD, special act award

